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## UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT SOUTHERN DISTRICT OF NEW YORK

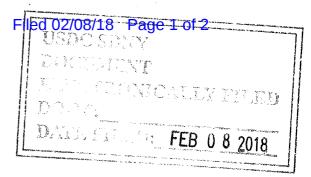
Sergio Castro,

Plaintiff,

-v-

Arbeni Management Company, Inc.,

Defendant.



17-CV-4615 (AJN) ORDER

## ALISON J. NATHAN, District Judge:

The Court has been advised that the parties in this FLSA action have reached a settlement. *See* Dkt. No. 17.

Pursuant to Rule 41(a)(1)(A)(ii) of the Federal Rules of Civil Procedure, if the settlement is to take effect, the Court must first review and scrutinize the agreement to ensure that it is fair. See Cheeks v. Freeport Pancake House, Inc., 796 F.3d 199, 206 (2d Cir. 2015). See also Wolinsky v. Scholastic Inc., 900 F. Supp. 2d 332, 338 (S.D.N.Y. 2012). Accordingly, on or before March 9, 2018, the parties must submit to the Court both the settlement agreement and a joint letter explaining why the settlement should be approved. The parties' submission should contain the following:

- Discussion of the considerations detailed in Wolinksy, 900 F. Supp. 2d at 335–36.
- A description of the method used to calculate the settlement amounts.
- A list of the hours Plaintiff(s) worked and at what wages. This should be detailed enough enable the Court to follow the parties' steps in calculating the settlement amounts. If the parties disagree on hours worked or wages owed, both parties' estimates should be included.
- Detailed billing records to support any request for attorneys' fees, documenting the hours expended and the nature of the work done.

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• If the proposed settlement contains a non-disparagement provision, authority and argument demonstrating that the proposed provision is fair and reasonable.

The parties are further advised that the Court will likely not approve settlement agreements that contain a confidentiality provision or a general release from all liability.

All upcoming conferences and deadlines in this case are adjourned sine die. SO ORDERED.

Dated: February 8, 2018

New York, New York

ALISON J. NATHAN United States District Judge